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PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 04329.2107-03

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Keiichi SASAKI et al.) Group Art Unit: 2823
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Application No.: 10/646,703) Examiner: Brewster, William M.
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Filed: August 25, 2003)
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For: PASTE INCLUDING A MIXTURE)
OF POWDERS, CONNECTION)
PLUG, BURYING METHOD, AND)
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE)
MANUFACTURING METHOD)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the Office Action dated October 5, 2004, the period for response to which extends through November 5, 2004, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C.

§ 121 between the following groups:

Group I, claims 1-3, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to an electrically conductive paste containing metals; and

Group II, claims 5-7, 9-12, and 25-30, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to a method of forming interconnects.

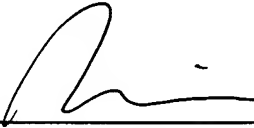
Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group II, including claims 5-7, 9-12, and 25-30, without traverse.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

Dated: October 29, 2004

By: _____
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*With limited recognition under 37 C.F.R. § 10.9(b)